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"SONGS FROM A BOOK OF AIRS"

GO TOUCH THE SILENT STRINGS

Go touch the silent strings
That long in sleep have lain,
Music that knows no past
Or future pain.
Sing for the moment's joy!
And when the echoes fade,
Nothing will last but the song
That your hands have made.
Nothing will last but song,
Though the music die,
And when this brain is dust,
That too will die—
    And when this brain is dust,
    That too will die.

THE STORM BIRD

All day a storm bird in my breast
  Had struggled to be free,
And I who never sought such guest
  Endured in agony.

At last in pain I tore my breast
  To set the wild thing free;